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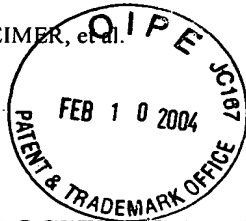
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sylvia MONSHEIMER, et al.

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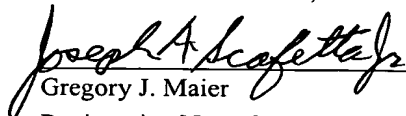
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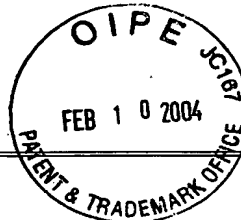
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference Item AQ - German Patent No. DE 19916786A is listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 and is discussed in the specification.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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